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From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

No: 2188

3 September 1943

PATON [1] has reported

[17 groups unrecovered]

[54 groups unrecoverable]

...OSSI [11]". Cruiser no. 35, [C% believed to be] the "INDIANAPOLIS", the second four-funneled one has not been identified (OMAHA class).

Destroyers: no. 682, no. 687, no. 688, no. 619 of the BRISTOL class.

Destroyers: no. 478 and no. 479 of the FLETCHER class, and destroyer no. 418 of the HUGHES [Kh'YuDZhIS] class [111].

On the 27 and 28 August convoys left of up to 15 ships each; [as?] protection

[13 groups unrecovered]

mine-sweeper[s?] of the N*** class [3 groups unrecovered] -- aircraft carrier no. 316 the "CABOT"

[15 groups unrecovered]

, four-inch -- 2, three-inch -- 2. Guns in the bow three-inch -- 2

[2 groups unrecoverable, 46 groups unrecovered]

Comments: [1] PATON: May represent the English surname PATTON. Unidentified.

[11] ... OSSI: Possibly ... ESSI or ...ESSI. In the original language, the final vowel might, of course, be Y.

[111] According to Jane's Fighting Ships 1942, the HUGHES was itself no. 418 and belonged to the ANDERSON class.

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